

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following heading:

--Background of the Invention--.

On page 2, line 10, please insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention--

On page 5, lines 6 and 7, please delete this paragraph as follows:

~~Further embodiments of the invention are contained in the dependent claims.~~

On page 5, line 8, please insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 6, line 13, please insert the following heading:

--Description of Specific Embodiments--.

On page 8, line 19 through page 9, line 5, please amend this paragraph as follows:

Figs. 6 and 7 illustrate two possibilities for connecting the outer tube 1 with the inner tube 4. The connection can be effected by a welding 8, at the end faces, which interconnects the ends of the ~~inner tube 4~~ inner tube 4 and the spacer or spacing strips 6, and connects the ends with the inner side of the outer tube 1 (Fig. 6). If the embodiment of Fig. 5 is selected, and the annular or ring-shaped spacing strips 6" are placed in a flush manner at the end of the inner tube 4 (not illustrated), a radially closed welding of the inner tube 4 and the spacing strips 6" is even possible.

On page 10, after line 12, please insert the following paragraph:

--The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.--